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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-13, 15-17 and 29-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 15-17, 29-31 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ ~~Notice of Informal Patent Application~~
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 7 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Massalsky (DE585360). Massalsky discloses an irrigation system (Figs. 1-4) comprising a reservoir (reservoir would be attached to tubes p and n) for irrigating liquid, a probe (b) for arrangement in a user, a conduit for conducting the irrigating liquid from the reservoir to the probe (the conduit is being interpreted as being comprised of portions g/l and p/n), a fixation member (d) including an inflatable cuff for fixation of the probe in the user, a pump (the pump is being interpreted as including portions u, t, r, s and h as these all appear to be what conducts the pump pressure to the different conduits) for pumping gas into the reservoir to transfer the irrigating liquid from the reservoir to the probe (it appears that air is pumped by u through t into r, through h and down through conduit p which displaces the irrigating fluid up through n, as evidenced by the arrows at the ends of p and n, and the fluid in n is then introduced to g where it is directed by k) and a control unit (h) which may be set in at least a cuff inflating position and a liquid transferring position (Fig. 1 discloses that knob s may be set in two different positions), said control unit including elements that may be moved with respect to each

other into at least said cuff inflating and liquid transferring positions (Figs. 1 and 3), said elements including a first disc (Fig. 3, the first disc is being interpreted as h) connected with at least an irrigating liquid tube connecting the control unit with the probe (Fig. 3 discloses that irrigating liquid tube n is connected to h via extension m which then allows the control unit to conduct the liquid to the probe through g), a second disc (Fig. 3, the second disc is being interpreted as r) connected with at least an irrigating liquid tube connecting the reservoir with the control unit (r is connected with irrigating liquid tube n/m via its connection with v. As described above, n is connected to a reservoir), and an intermediate disc positioned between and being rotatable about an axis of rotation with respect to the first and second discs, said intermediate disc being settable in at least said cuff inflating and liquid transferring positions (the intermediate disc is being interpreted as q as it is between h and r. It appears that q can rotate such that v and rv can be positioned such that they are either in communication with m and g or so that they are in communication with o and g).

In reference to claim 12, Massalsky discloses that the intermediate disc is formed from a resilient material (Fig. 1 discloses that r is a resilient material).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 13, 15-17, 29-31 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Independent claim 13 as well as dependent claims 15-17 are allowed because the subject matter of dependent claim 14, which was not found, was added to independent claim 13, in combination with the other elements of the claims.

Independent claim 29 and dependent claims 30 and 31 are allowed because the subject matter that could not be found is the arrangement of the five canals within the cylindrical element and the arrangement of the five canals in relation to each other, in combination with the other elements of the claims.

Response to Arguments

The allowability of claims 7-12 is withdrawn as the examiner has been re-reading independent claim 7 and believes that, as pointed out above, Massalsky teaches the first, second and intermediate discs, as well as the intermediate disc being made of resilient material as claimed in claim 12. However, the different cavities and distances and recesses as claimed in dependent claim 8 are not taught by Massalsky. Therefore if Applicant were to include dependent claim 8 in independent claim 7, claim 7 would be allowable, as indicated above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAURA C. SCHELL whose telephone number is

(571)272-7881. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Simons can be reached on (571) 272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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